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## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

25 July 1983

Mr. Charles W. Hinkle  
Director, FOI and Security Review  
OASD (PA)  
The Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Hinkle:

Under a CBS discovery motion, we have searched CIA files for documents relating to the process of estimating Viet Cong and North Vietnamese military strength in South Vietnam during the period 1966-68. This arises from the lawsuit brought against CBS by General Westmoreland.

Of the documents found, 23 are of interest to the Office of Secretary of Defense and/or the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and are enclosed for your review. The first eight, which have CIA entry numbers 421 through 429, are State Department documents from our files, which also require coordination with Defense. The remaining 15 documents, originating with various DOD components, are referred to you for review as the primary office of concern. You will note that one CIA document (332A) is an attachment to a transmittal letter from the Office of Secretary of Defense (332). You will also note that three items (numbers 468, 450, and 451) are codeword, and as such have also been coordinated with NSA.

We have no objection to the declassification of the documents and refer them to you for review. Accompanying these documents is a computerized list of them for record purposes. We would appreciate your returning the documents and the results of your reviews to us, so that we may coordinate the release of all documents found in CIA files to both parties in the suit.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact

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Sincerely,

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Chief, Classification Review Division  
Office of Information Services  
Directorate of Administration

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